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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 17th/April, through Sunday, 24th/April there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* **PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

AX, AUSTRALIA

Please note for 24 hours during ANZAC Day on April 25th, Australian stations may operate

with AX prefix instead of usual VK during this day.

CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND

Martin, LU9EFO, will be active as CE0Y/LU9EFO from **Easter Island (SA-001)** between May 6-13th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via F4BHW direct only.

CS2, PORTUGAL

Members of the "Clube Radioamadores do Entroncamento" (CRE), will use the special callsign CS2ND between May 26-28th, from Noudar Castel (WCA reference CT-0021, DCFP reference C-021, DMHP reference BJ-015 and DMP reference 0204 for the Portuguese Castles Award). Operation will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. The Noudar Castel is located in the Province of Beja in Barrancos village. QSL via direct or eQSL.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND

Aaron, VA1AXC, is once again active as CY0/VA1AXC from **Sable Island (NA-063)**. He there on an 8 week work shift for the Parks Canada coordinating logistics in new National Park, and will be active when time permits. Usually activity is SSB only and mainly on 20 meters usually around 2300z. QSL via JE1LET DIRECT ONLY.

CY9C, ST. PAUL ISLAND DXPEDITION (August 19-29th)

Randy, N0TG, reports the following on April 16th: As was reported previously, we will have two separate sites...separated approximately 1.5 miles.

Site 1 will be the Atlantic Cove site with 6 operators. We will try to keep 4-5 radios running and more if 12/10m opens. Our plan is to have a RTTY station active at all times. From this site 160 will be given lots of attention with the Battle Creek Special antenna.

Site 2 - the Northeast Point separate island will be enhanced to include 4 -5 operators active at all times, thus the dxpedition in total can potentially have 8-10 radios working most of the time. We are seriously considering 6m EME and Satellite, however, we need to work out the planning details. And, as always, budget matters are a significant consideration as we expand operations. We appreciate the support by many to date. The desire is to make this a very complete operation that will offer fun and meeting needs for all interests.

The CY9C Web page is: <http://www.CY9Dxpedition.com>

D66, COMOROS (New Prefix)

Operators Pavel/OK1FPS, Petr/OK1FCJ and David/ OK6DJ will be active as D66D from **Comoros (AF-007)** during the second half of September and early October. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using various modes. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW or eQSL. For details and updates, see:

<http://www.cdxp.cz>

FM/TO5, MARTINIQUE

Laurent, FM5BH, will be active as TO972M from **Martinique Island (NA-107)** during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single- Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL TO972M via FM5BH direct or ClubLog's OQRS.

HAMVENTION NEWS

SWODXA DX DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT - April 20th , 2016, Bill Salyers, AJ8B, -- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- There is ONE month until the SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) hosts the 31st annual DXdinner. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2016 Dayton Hamvention®, will be on Friday, May 20th, at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton.

Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, of MFJ Enterprises, Inc., will be the keynote speaker discussing ‘The Early Days of MFJ’ With all of the activity surrounding the international “Maker’s Faire”, Martins’ talk will be very timely!

Yaesu has donated an FT-1200 for the DX Forum and an FT-3000 for the DX Dinner. Icom has donated an IC-7300 for the DXDinner as well.

The newest inductee(s) in to the CQ Hall of Fame will be announced as well as the much anticipated DX Pedition of the Year! 75% of the available ticket sales have sold 75% so don’t wait much longer. For more information and to order dinner tickets, visit WWW.SWODXAEVENTS.ORG and follow us on Twitter (@SWODXA).

RTTY CONTEST DINNER - Ed, W0YK, reports that the Dayton HamVention RTTY Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 19th, at 6 pm, at the Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 West 5th Street (two blocks from Crowne Plaza hotel and three blocks from Convention Center parking garage). What: Informal dinner with RTTY contesting friends (or, whomever)

Menu: choice of:

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Incredible 15-Layer Lasagne
- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Four-Cheese Manicotti
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
- Chicken Parmigiana

Includes crisp fresh garden salad, freshly baked sourdough bread and your choice of soft drink or tea. Cost: \$21

RSVP: Ed, W0YK, with check or feeless (to him) PayPal transaction to w0yk@msn.com.
Mailing address: POB 1877, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877

(Feeless PayPal transactions are done by choosing "Friends and Family" and using funds already in your PayPal account or cash drawn from your bank account. Any transaction type that uses credit cards will need to be for \$24 to cover the fee he will be charged. He can also process credit cards directly for \$24.)

A banquet room is reserved that comfortably holds 55 people, so the first 54 to RSVP with payment will get a seat. All Ed is organizing is an informal dinner for socializing.

If someone wants to arrange a program and/or speaker, that would be great. Also, if someone would like to put together a prize raffle, that's fine, too. Ed can provide vendor contacts that Fred, WW4LL, and Ed have used the past two years. Contact him if you'd like to help out.

IOTA NEWS

AS-024. Operators Tak/JR1LZK and Mitsu/JE1HXZ will be active as home- call from **Yonaguni Island** between April 23rd and May 1st. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

AS-142. (Update/Change/Also AS-025 Added) Operators Vasily/R7AL and XYL Anastasia, Vasily/RA1ZZ, Serge/RW5D, Vladimir/RK8A and Yury/UD0XAA will be active as UE23RRC from **Kambalnyy Island** (Toporkov) [RR-13-14] between August 14-18th. The special callsign, UE23RRC, is being used to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC). They will have two stations on the HF Bands. QSL via ClubLog. For more details, see:

<http://www.as142.org>

This island has not been on the air since 1999, and today it is rated as 12.5% on IOTA Most Wanted list. The access to the island is strictly protected and requires the special permission.

One member of their team, Vladimir, RK8A, will activate **Paramushir Island (AS-025)**, in Kuril Islands, and is a rare RDA: SL-20.

EU-003. Olivier, W6NV, will be active as CU2/W6NV from **Sao Miguel Island**, Azores, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) as a Single- Op/All-Band entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-013. Operators Philippe/ON4LEM, YL Cécile/ON5TC, Michel/ON6QO, Gert-Jan/ON7GLF, Frédéric/ON7WZ and Peter/ON8VP will be active as MJ/ON4RSX from St. Brelade, **Jersey**, between May 5-8th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via the Bureau to ON4RSX or direct to ON8VP.

EU-042. Mike, DG5LAC, will be active as DG5LAC/p from **Amrum Island** between April 30th and May 6th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS.

EU-120. Three operators from the Virtual Amateur Radio Club from East Kent, U.K., will be active for 5 days on the **Isle of Lundy** (WAB SS14, ARLHS-73) between May 2-7th. Operators mentioned are Mark/G0GQT, Keith/M0KJA and Nigel/G0GDA. They are taking 4 rigs, 2 linears and a variety of aerials to run SSB, CW and Data. The island has no grid electricity and runs on generators from 0600 to midnight British Summer time. They are staying in a cottage adjacent to a disused lighthouse (ARLS-073) and the island is a FLORA & FAUNA site (WWFF GFF-103). QSL info: All Logs will be uploaded to eQSL, Clublog, QRZ.com and QRZCQ.com. - As far as they know there is no internet connection on the island, so if that is the case logs will be uploaded on return.

EU-123. Members of the Grantham ARC will be active as GM0GRC and GM7GRC from the **Isle of Arran**, Scotland, between August 13-21st. Operators mentioned 2E0FYQ, Alan/G0RCI, YL Judith/G4IAQ, Dave/ G4IAR, Alan/G4VUA, Kevin/G6SSN, Pete/M0USY and possibly others. Activity will be on all bands using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL direct only to G0RCI; the logs will be uploaded to ClubLog.

OC-022. Kurt, DL5CO, is currently active as YB9/DL5CO from **Bali Island** (OC-022) during the month of April. Activity has been on the HF bands (40/30/20/17/15m) using CW. QSL via

his home callsign.

OC-164. Operators John/VK6AG and Pavel/VK6NAX will be active as VK6AG/P and VK6NAX/P from **Garden Island** on April 25th. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via their home callsign (se instruction on [QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com)).

* The **Spring 2016 IOTA Directory** is now available at the RSGB Shop at:

http://www.rsgbshop.org/acatalog/Online_Catalogue_IOTA_42.html

* **RSGB IOTA NEWS** ["Rule Changes" and "Introducing Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd"] -- See the <https://www.rsgbiota.org/> Web page under "News".

* **K6VVA/KL7 MYSTERY IOTA (YOU GOTTA READ THIS TO BELIEVE IT!!)** -- Rick, K6VVA, states, "Between 1 JUNE 2016 and 30 AUGUST 2016, I intend to activate several more KL7 IOTAs. But each NA-xxx IOTA # will remain a "MYSTERY" until AFTER the Expedition is completed. You MUST check this webpage <http://www.k6vva.com/iota/> for details and Confirmation of QSO instructions, which will then include the specific date(s) of QRV and IOTA # needed to solve each "Mystery". For more details, see Rick's Web page.

P5, NORTH KOREA (Rumor)

At this time it seems to be nothing but a rumor, but reports state: "a group of 10 European and American Ops believe they can activate a full scale DXpedition inside the DPRK (P5, North Korea) next month (May, 2016)."

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 30th-May 1st)

Apr/25th HN	Apr/28th AN	Apr/30th HN
Apr/26th HN	Apr/29th LN	May/01st AN
Apr/27th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE <http://www.bandconditions.com>:

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (April 24th)

5W0XG via JA1XGI (B/d)	HB0/PA3CNO via PE1FLO	PF16GIRO via PA0FAW
5Z4/JM1CAX via JM1CAX	HF1050BRP via SP9BRP	RT73GP via RL5G (d)
7U7WARD via 7X2VB	IA5J via IU3BXI	SN1050CP via SP3PGR
8Q7CA via RC5A	IB0X via (O/L)*	SV2RSG via SV1RP
9Y/K2HVN via K2HVN	IL7/IQ7NK via IW7EGQ (d)	T88FG via JR1EFG & (L)
D2/CT1ITE via CT1ITE	IY0GA via IS0JMA	TC101GS via TA3X
DL/KU1CW via KU1CW (L)	IY0ORP via IZ0FVD (d)	TK9C via IK2AHB
EA8/ON4LBI via ON4LBI	IY7M via IZ7XNB	TM0GA via F5MAG
EH1ARD via EA1AST	JG8NQJ/JD1 via JA8CJY (d/JA-B)	VK9NU via VK4ADC
HB0/DL2JRM via DL2JRM	MJ0KUC via ON4ZD & (O)	Z370CEF via Z37CEF
HB0/DL5SE via DL5SE	OE16M via OE1WHC	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only * Do not send cards

PIRATE ALERTS. There have been a few reports of 1A0KM and CY9SPI being active over the past few weeks. Both are PIRATE operations. Save your green stamps.

UA9AB QSL INFO. George, K8GG, informs the following about Russian QSL Manager Gennady, UA9AB: I have used UA9AB to find and receive Russian QSLs for the last few years. He has contact with many other QSL managers for old and much needed QSLs not available by other routes. Gene is a stamp collector, looking for commemorative stamps from around the world. He will take an envelope of interesting used commemorative stamps in lieu of IRCs or other payments. Gene also collects mint commemorative stamps. Contact Gene directly at [ua9ab at mail dot ru](mailto:ua9ab@mail.ru) before sending any mail, other than donating stamps to him. Whether you need help or not, the commemorative stamps from your incoming mail from anywhere in the world will probably be of interest to Gene. His address is valid at QRZ.com: Gennady T. Shcumat, P. O. Box 18527, 454021 Chelyabinsk, Russia. The UA9AB page at QRZ.com has more information on some of his QSL capabilities.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4A1DX, CT3DZ, FH/F2DX, FK8IK, FT4JA, S01WS, S52OT, S79SP, T32MU, TX3X, V73D, VE2GHI, VK0EK and ZL2AGY

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3XY1T, 4S7GWG, 7X4AN, B7/BD7IHN (AS-129), EY7AD, J79XF, VK5CE/6 (OC-243) and VP8RHF

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4L6DL, BA4TB/4, BD4TS, BD4TS/5, BG9HKP, BH2RO, BY2WL, BY1WXD/5, C21GC, CR2AA, CU2JT, CU3AA/P, CU3AC, CU3AK, CU3DP, CU3EM, CU3HN, LZ70VZ, LZ/KY6AA, LZ110RAEM, SV9/LZ3FN, TA0/LZ3FN, TM39TMR, TM90WARD, TM150UTI, TM190NB, TM200CK, YV5ABH, YV5CWM, YV5DTJ, YV5EAH, YV5EPM, YV5HNJ, YV5KQA, YV5KTM, YV5NEA, YV5NWG, YY5ALO, YY5FRD, YY5MA, YY5SKA, YY5SRR and Z6/LZ1BJ

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS

For years Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A, has been the only amateur radio operator from the Docheiariou Monastery. However, this past week news came out that Monk Iakovos, who lives in the Koutloum-ousiou Holy Monastery in Mt. Athos, has received his radio amateur training from George, SV1RP, and then his SV2RSG license from the Ministry of Telecommunication in 2015. Reports indicate that Monk Iakovos has been on 40 meters (7141 kHz) on SSB using an IC-735 into a vertical antenna. He does operate CW!! QSL via SV1RP. Check out his [QRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com) page at:

<https://www.qrz.com/db/sv2rsg>

SV9, CRETE

Uli, DJ9XB, will once again be active as SV9/DJ9XB from Crete between May 10-20th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters, but with a focus on 6 meters and using only RTTY and JT65. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

T40, CUBA

Raul, CO8ZZ, will be active as T40A during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Assisted entry. QSL via QRZ.com instructions.

V3, BELIZE

The Daily DX reports that Henk, PA0C, will be active as V31HV and V31HV/P from Belize until October 2016. He will use the portable call-sign during weekends from beaches south of the city. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15 meters using CW, SSB and JT65. Equipment is a FT-857 transceiver, a W3DZZ, Long wire and verticals. QSL via his home callsign direct.

V6, MICRONESIA

Kouchi, JR2GAG, is now active as V63GG from [Yap Island \(OC-012\)](#) until April 26th. Activity will be holiday style mostly on 20-6 meters, but he will be able to operate on 160-40 meters. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau, direct or ClubLog's OQRS. No LoTW or eQSL.

VG2, CANADA (Zone 2)

Operators Jean/VE2VIA and Jean-Pierre/VE2SSS will be active as VG2O from Zone 2 during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/High-Power entry. QSL is direct via VE2JCW.

XT, BURKINA FASO

Operators Jusei/A3IVU and Junichi/JH3AEF will be active as XV2IVU and XT2AEF, respectively, from Ouaga Dougou, between April 28th and May 4th. Activity will be 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will have a 500 watt amp and have a beam for 20-10m and dipoles for 80/40m. QSL XT2IVU via JA3IVU. QSL XT2AEF via JH3AEF.

XU7, CAMBODIA (PRESS RELEASE #1) [edited]

"Once again an international team under the flag of MDXC, Mediterraneo Dx Club, will be on air, starting from 4th to 14th November 2016. The license as XU7MDC is already in the hands of Antonio, IZ8CCW, (leader) and Gabriele, I2VGW, (co-leader) of the team (20 people). They have planned, as usual, to operate 24/24 hours with 5 stations from the beach of Sihanoukville,

Cambodia, with a particular stress to low bands and digital modes. The official web site is under construction. Further infos soon."

ADDED NOTES AND UPDATE: The Web page is now online at:

<http://www.mdxc.org/xu7mdc> Operators mentioned are Gabry/I2VGV, Ant/IZ8CCW, Marco/IZ2GNQ, Michel/F5EOT, Dario/IZ4UEZ, Gab/YO8WW, Francois/ON4LO, Eric/ON7RN, Feri/YO5OED, Marco/HB9OCR, Fulvio/HB9DHG, Mario/IK4MTK, Tony/F8ATS, Dario/IT9ZZO, Fabio/IK4QJF and Gilles/F6IRA. Pilots are: N1DG/USA, HK3W/SA, and IC8ATA/EU. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY.

Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5, 3505, 7005, 10105, 14025, 18075, 21025, 24895 and 28025 kHz

SSB - 1840, 3799, 7080, 14200, 18145, 21295, 24950 and 28470 kHz

RTTY - 3600, 7040, 10140, 18100, 21080, 24930 and 28085 kHz

QSL Manager for direct/Bureau/OQRS cards is IK2VUC: Giuliano Mondini, PO BOX 10, 21052 Busto Arsizio (VA), ITALY. LoTW files will be uploaded by the end of May 2016. For more details, see their Web page.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Oliver, W6NV, will once again be active as ZD8W from Ascension Island between October and November. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry, and the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 26-27th) as a Multi-Op/All-Band entry with other operators to be announced later. Look for activity before and after the contests on 160-6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.



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